
Gibson County Board of Commissioners
Regular Session
March 6, 2007

The Gibson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9 AM on March 6, 2007, in the North Annex Meeting Room.

Members present:

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres. Don Whitehead, VP
Attorney Jerry Stilwell

Members absent:

Bob Townsend

A moment of silence was observed at this point for all the victims of the storms and tornadoes of the past week.

The meeting was called to order with all present standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting, February 20, 2007, were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

Claims: The following claims were submitted for approval: Payroll, \$284,351.96; County, \$368,913.88; Highway, \$153,532.13; Sheriff, \$60,549.80; Utilities, \$16,731.04. The claims were approved with a motion by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

Department Reports: Safety: Ken Greubel reported that there were two incidents reported for insurance; the boiler at the Courthouse and the roof at the Ft. Branch ambulance base. He also announced that the next committee meeting would be March 14, 2007 in the conference room at the North Annex at 9 AM.

Veterans Service: Barbara Schenks distributed the monthly report.

EMA: Terry Hedges brought a copy of an ordinance passed in 1989 on emergency management that needs to be up dated. He had an example of a new ordinance with the required differences according to both state and federal guidelines. Attorney Stilwell will study this and prepare a new county ordinance to be accepted.

Health: Troy Sanders made a short report on the health emergency drill held at the previous meeting.

EMS: Dan Alvey explained about the damage to the Ft. Branch ambulance base roof and said that the February monthly report would be ready for the next meeting.

Sheriff: Allen Harmon distributed the monthly report on the jail population and progress on the new work release center building project. There had been a question brought to him about the road numbers near Columbia Village. This road had many numbers due to turns in the road and should it remain this way or issue one number. He said according to the GPS system it would be better to keep the numbers but have the signs more noticeable to the public. It was agreed to go with his suggestion and the Highway Dept. would work with him to improve the signs.

Highway: Jerry Heldt said that they had been out inspecting roads and that they are in terrible shape after this winter. They will be working on repairs as soon as possible. He told of a problem with having two roads named Tulip Tree Drive in the County. The one that is on all the different web sights and on printed maps is the one that was plated in a subdivision but was never put in place. The other is the road around the Toyota plant but it is not on the different sights. He has been contacting the different concerns to get the one removed and the other on. There has been a real problem with delivery semis going to the one and not having a place to turn around on a dead end road. He also stated that the bridge inspections have been completed but the official report is not ready at this time. It should be ready by the end of the month. There are a few bridges that need immediate attention. He also asked for permission to use the money that was not used on the Bridge 240 project to extend the inspections to include 4' to 20' structures. A motion to use this money for this purpose was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

Agreement with Architecture Plus: There was a motion to table this agreement to the next meeting was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

Old Business: John Dyer brought an administrative agreement with SIHO, the County insurance carrier, for ratification. A motion to ratify this agreement was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

New Business: Charles Malinowski of Malinowski Consulting presented his contract information to be considered to be used by the County.

Tony Schreoder spoke about the new E 911 addressing of Mark Ford Road changing it to a number instead of using the name that it has always gone by. Sheriff Harmon said he was unaware of this and that it would be looked into. It had been agreed that the named roads in the northern part of the County to remain named because most of them do not follow the GPS grid. Bill Miller stated that he agreed with procedure the Sheriff and Commissioners had determined for these roads because it would cause a lot less confusion.

Having no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Whitehead seconded by Marginet and passed 2-0.

N. Sherrell Marginet, Pres.

Don Whitehead, VP

Bob Townsend

Attested: _____
Mary B. Key, Auditor